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Intercepted Bradley letter shows why he should be extradited

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Mark Lane, New Orleans, Louisiana—Edgar Eugene Bradley, charged with conspiracy to assassinate President John F. Kennedy has made important admissions in a letter to a friend. In the letter Bradley admitted that he knew "facts about the case that the public will never know about." Bradley also wrote "You can be sure that Oswald was not the only one involved."

This letter by Bradley, which I was recently able to intercept, constitutes the first admission made by anyone in the case since the shots were fired almost four and a half years ago.

The letter was written almost four years ago, long before Bradley was charged by Garrison and years before he even was a suspect Nevertheless in the letter Bradley stated that "my life has been threatened many times" and that "another patriotic friend of mine has been shot and killed."

Just as significant as the provocative admission contained in Bradley's letter is another communication which he addressed to the same young woman. In an affidavit which he prepared for her to sign, she was to swear that Bradley had been with her, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on November 21 and November 22, 1963. He thus sought to have her offer an alibi for him for the day of the assassination. She refused to sign the affidavit, however, stating that it was false, as she had not seen him on November 22. Her daily diary, a copy of which I have been able to secure, reveals that she saw Bradley on November 20, 1963, not on the 22nd.

An effort to develop a false alibi may be of great significance. It quite obviously raises most important questions. Where was Bradley on November 22, 1963, and why would he wish to fabricate an alibi for that day if he could disclose his whereabouts without fear of prosecution?

While the letter and the false proposed affidavit do not constitute full confessions under the law they certainly qualify as serious admissions against interest. I will forward copies of all the documents that I have referred to, to Jim Garrison.

On December 20, 1967, Bradley was charged with conspiracy to murder President Kennedy. Garrison's efforts to bring Bradley to New Orleans have thus far been frustrated by California. Bradley said that he would fight extradition "tooth and nail." His attorneys secured a sixty day stay and then the California courts granted an additional six month stay. Bradley, who has been charged with conspiracy to assassinate the President, remains at liberty while the California courts slowly contemplate the legal motions.